

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's holding that Claims 24-27 are allowed, the finding that Claims 4-7, 9-10, 12-15, 19-20, 29-32 and 40 would be allowable if written in independent form, and the finding that Claims 8 and 33-39 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection made under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant has so amended Claims 8 and 33-39.

Section 102(b) Rejections

Claims 1-2, 11, 16-17, 18 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Kawasaki et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed. The referenced claims all include the limitation that the bottom heading of the bottom assembly have a hole through which the anchoring member is inserted. Kawasaki does not disclose this limitation. The Examiner has asserted that element 8 in Kawasaki represents a bottom heading. Instead, the element corresponding to the bottom heading in Kawasaki is bottom plate 16. (Kawasaki at column 3, line 38.) Element 8 represents a layer of insulating material that is applied to the interior of the entire drum, and not merely the bottom. Because bottom plate 16 does not have a hole therethrough, the assembly comprising hook tray 12, ring mounting seat 14, ring 11 and fitting joint 13 cannot be inserted through such hole, but would have to be placed via the top of the drum, negating a benefit of Applicants' invention as claimed and as described in the preferred embodiment.

Claims 1-2, 16-17 and 28 are additionally rejected under section 102(b) as anticipated by Cerwin et al. This rejection also is respectfully traversed. The referred claims all contain the limitation that the anchoring member having an anchoring portion constructed and disposed to

anchor a hold-down system for container-received wire coil. In Cerwin et al., by contrast, the asserted anchoring member 100 is a ligating reel constructed and disposed for the dispersing of surgical suture. As such, the reel is mounted so as to rotate. There is no disclosure in Cerwin et al. to the effect that the reel 100 is constructed or disposed to anchor a hold-down system for wire coil.

Claims 16 and 18 have been rejected under section 102(b) as anticipated by Lesko et al. This rejection also is respectfully traversed. Lesko et al. discloses a bottom heading assembly 16 comprising a bottom heading 14, a strip 18 having a loop 20 stapled to the bottom heading 14, and an annular disc 24 secured to the bottom heading over the strap 18. Lesko et al., however, does not disclose that the bottom heading has a hole therethrough, which is what is claimed. Instead, because the bottom heading has no hole, the advantage of ease of construction is not realized.

Section 103(a) Rejection

Claims 3 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over either of Kawasaki et al., Cerwin et al, or Lesko et al. This objection is noted in the foregoing rejections under section 102(b), which are traversed above, and are accordingly also traversed.

For all the foregoing reasons, and with the foregoing amendments, the case should be in condition for allowance, and early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

A Petition for Extension of Time for one month is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 22-0585 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account.

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APPENDIX

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 8 as follows:

8. A bottom assembly according to claim 4, wherein said flange portion and said at least one resilient member[(s) are] is disposed substantially at opposite first and second axial ends of said plug body, respectively, and said plug further includes an anchoring portion projecting axially from said second end and having an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

Please amend Claim 33 as follows:

33. A container according to Claim 29, wherein said flange portion and said at least one resilient member[(s) are] is disposed substantially at opposite first and second axial ends of said plug body, respectively, and said plug further includes an anchoring portion projecting axially from said second end and having an opening for anchoring said hold-down system.

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